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Crime Blotter

Thieves continue targeting vehicles

By F. Reese Shellman III
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University Police Department officers responded to an Armstrong staff member Jan. 18 after she reported that her car's license plate had been replaced by a different one. Police ran the decal in the Georgia Crime Information Center and discovered that the plate was registered to a Savannah resident. The resident said that her grandchildren's father took the vehicle on Jan. 17, and that he switched the tags and abandoned the car. The staff member forfeited the tag to university police.

Officer Richard Mitts was dispatched to the Galley in the Student Union to investigate an attack on a Sodexo staff member. A former employee, who was on the premises to receive his last paycheck after dismissal over behavior, assaulted his former coworker in the kitchen. The wounded worker went to Work One for his injuries, which included a damaged right wrist.

On Jan. 21, a student reported that his residential parking decal disappeared while he was away from campus, sometime between Jan. 14 and Jan. 18. He left his vehicle in the parking lot on South Science Drive during that time. The complainant noticed upon his return on

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Armstrong blood drive draws donors SGA, Red Cross team up for public service

By Krystal Huertas

Every minute someone in the world is in need of blood, and blood can only come from donors. Only three out of every 100 people in America donate blood, according to the American Red Cross. On Feb. 8, the Student Government Association and Red Cross teamed up and held a blood drive in Ballroom A of the Student Union.

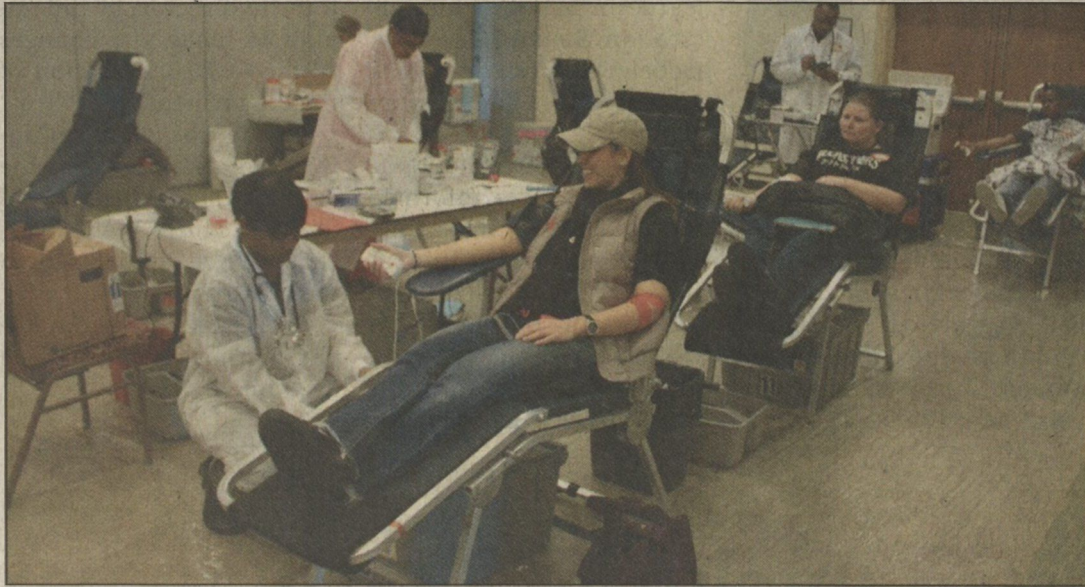
Red Cross held the drive from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Armstrong holds blood drives at least two times per semester.

The blood drive collected 47 pints of blood, said Kwame Phillips, the chairman of SGA's Community Service Committee.

The Red Cross' goal for this particular blood drive was 50 pints.

Last year, students donated approximately 70 pints.

Recently there has been a shortage of blood due to the winter storms spreading across the United States. Blood banks in the north and as far south as Atlanta have received no blood due to the weather. Red Cross centers in Savannah and Valdosta have recently held blood drives and are accepting blood donations everyday. Vonicile Jackson, a volunteer for the Red



American Red Cross volunteers draw blood from Armstrong students at the SGA blood drive Feb. 8 in the Student Union Ballroom.

Cross' blood services for the Southern Region has volunteered for the Red Cross for over 25 years.

"I love seeing one person donate because years later, I end up seeing their children give their blood," Jackson said. "It makes me feel good."

"You get out what you put in," she said.

Jackson said donors are a crucial part of the Red Cross, and if students start donating in high school or college, they are more likely to give in the future.

"It's hard to find people that will actually come and give blood," said nursing student William Roberts. "Everyone has busy schedules."

Difficult schedules are an issue with most students, though giving blood only takes a few minutes of a student's time. SGA Senator Yomi Adeyemo wants students and faculty to understand the importance of donating blood during crises. The Red Cross needs blood for quicker responses to disasters.

Adeyemo, as well as Senators Cheryl Dixon and Eric Koonce, were in attendance at the blood drive. Koonce made his decision to give blood after talking with Jackson. She told Koonce that just one person donating one pint of blood saves four lives.

"Giving blood doesn't just help the person receiv-

ing the blood, it helps the person giving their blood," Koonce said. "It's rewarding." Among those who donated blood were Justin Kriske and Chasidy Ortiz. They said that they had never given blood before, and it was something that they wanted to do.

"I just had the urge to donate blood," Kriske said. "I saw the signs a couple of days ago around campus, and I have been meaning to come donate blood. Today was the perfect opportunity."

"I have never given blood, and it's something I have had on my mind but never really had the time to do," Ortiz said.

SGA discusses march, budget issues

By Brad Curran

On Monday, Feb. 7, the Student Government Association laid out its final itinerary for the campus march and town hall meeting, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21, in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting. Vice President Ty Slater issued instructions for all participating members to dress in attire that would make them easily identifiable to student body.

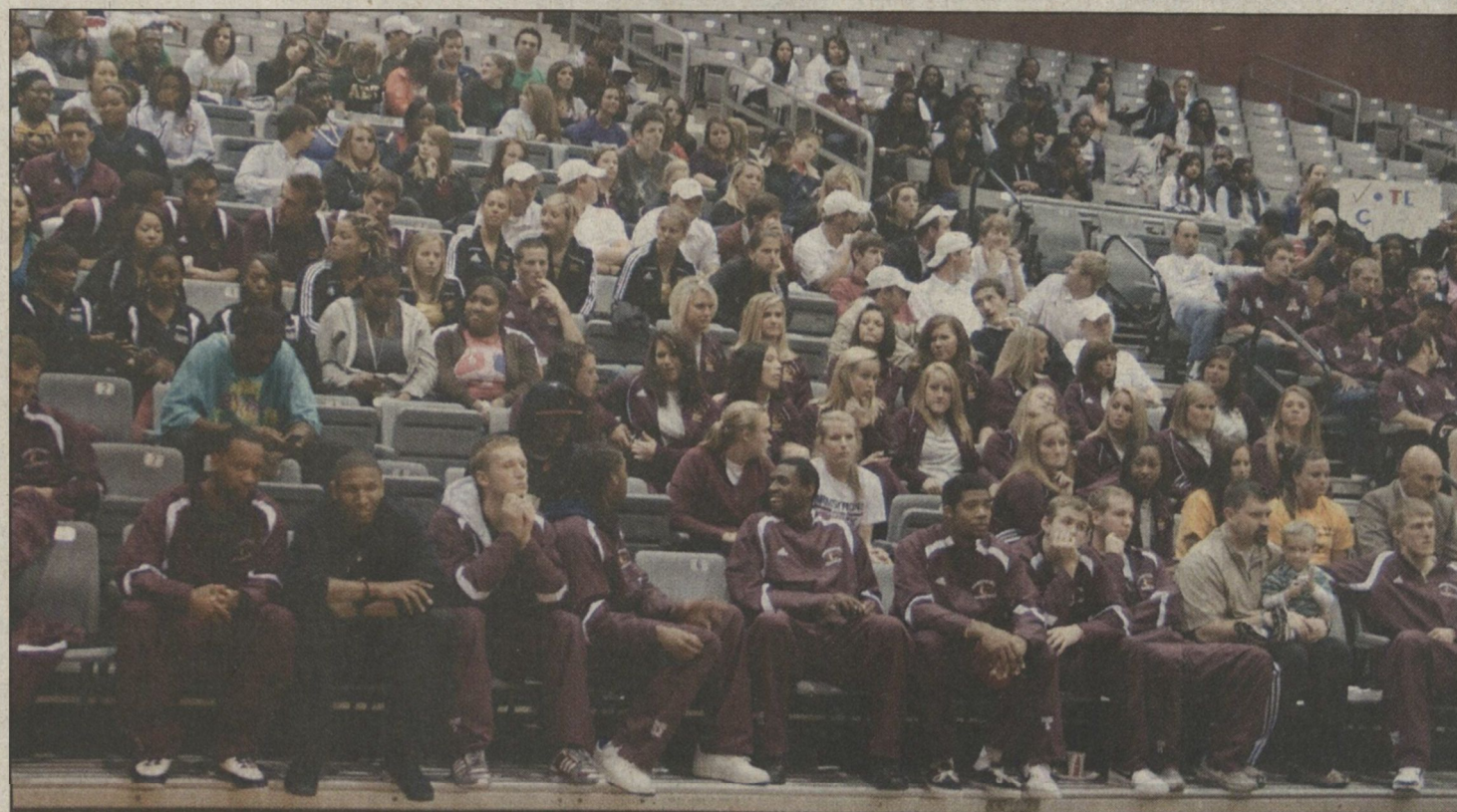
"Everyone needs to make sure to wear their SGA polo shirt on the 21st," Slater said. "We'll all be easily identified in maroon. I hope that everyone is prepared and excited for the march on the 21st. I certainly am."

The march will begin at 11:55 a.m. The SGA will break up into four different groups that will start at different points across campus. President Zerick Samples will lead one group from the Science Center, Slater will lead one from University Hall, Treasurer Desmond Wells will lead one from the Student Recreation center, and Secretary Eleora Marcel will lead a group from Hawes Hall. The SGA will hold the town hall meeting immediately after the march on the Student Union lawn.

Other business at the meeting included Samples discussing issues from the

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Valentine's-themed homecoming nears



Armstrong students and athletes show their school spirit at last year's homecoming kickoff night.

By Tanzere Nelson

Armstrong's annual homecoming week runs Feb. 14-19. Homecoming Week will be jam-packed with events celebrating campus life. This year, the university is collecting dry cat and dog food to donate to the Savannah Humane society.

The event starts Monday, Feb. 14.

There will be an invitation-only Golden Graduates Reunion Luncheon at Johnny Harris Restaurant & BBQ Sauce Company on Victory Drive. The actual Homecoming kickoff will start at 1 p.m.

in the Student Union Residential Plaza. The event will introduce the Homecoming Court. Following the introductions, the Campus Union Board and the Homecoming Committee will host games, music and give-a-ways. To help them keep up to date on whom all will be attending, CUB asks that students RSVP on Facebook.

At 8 p.m., the events will move to the Savannah Ballroom in the Student Union for a movie and dessert. CUB will show the movie "Valentine's Day" and will serve light refreshments with a heavy emphasis on chocolate-covered fruit.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the Homecoming Committee will host the Golden Graduate Ice Cream Social at 2 p.m. at Leopold's Ice Cream on Broughton Street. At 3 p.m., there will be a senior reception in the Savannah Ballroom.

Later, the Student Activities Committee is putting on its second annual talent show. The "So You (Still) Think You Got Talent" show will begin at 7 p.m. in the Savannah Ballroom. The gospel choir will perform during the intermission. Light refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday is the Greek Fair. The event starts at noon in the Student Union and

Residential Plaza. The fair will showcase and represent all 10 of Armstrong's Greek fraternities and sororities. Every Greek organization will have its own booth. Each fraternity and sorority will be given time to put on a dance or a chant unique to its organization.

Attendees will be able to gain knowledge of the fraternities' and sororities' missions, community and charity work.

"It will be a nice social as well as educational event on Armstrong's Greek life," CUB Homecoming Chair Lekara Simmons said.

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Correction:

In last week's article "Aziz commences faculty lecture series" The Inkwell reported that smallpox still occurred in developing countries. The World Health Organization declared smallpox completely eradicated in 1980.

Campus Briefs

Common Read hosts award-winning documentary

On Friday, Feb. 11, the Common Read Film Series will host "A Small Act," a documentary about a poor Kenyan child who goes on to lead a successful life after being sponsored by a woman in Sweden. This is the second screening in the series. The event begins at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ogeechee Theater and is open to the public.

HOLA throws Valentine's Day shindig

HOLA will host Chocolatier Night on Friday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in Student Union Ballrooms C and D. The Valentine's Day celebration will have door prizes, music and a chocolate bar. Entry is \$5.

Greek Fair welcomes students

The Greek Fair will kick off on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Student Union and Residential Plaza. Armstrong's Greek organizations will have booths to present themselves to the student body and answer general questions. Interested students can RSVP on the Campus Union Board's Greek Fair Facebook page.

R. A. D. training courses open for registration

University Police will hold the Rape Aggression Training, or R. A. D., Feb. 19 and 26 at the police department from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Female participants attending both sessions learn hands-on defense techniques to defend themselves.

For more information, contact Officer Erica Coreno at Erica.Coreno@armstrong.edu.

Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

NEWS

Armstrong dismisses athletic director
Michael Smoose fills position in interim

By The Inkwell

Armstrong has parted ways with Athletic Director Andy Carter.

University spokesperson Francisco Duque confirmed Armstrong officials dismissed Carter Feb. 1. As per university regulation, University Police Department Officers escorted Carter home.

Carter had been at the helm of the athletic department since 2008. Duque would not comment on the nature of Carter's termination.

Duque said Armstrong is in the process of forming a committee to oversee the search for a permanent athletic director.

In the absence of a per-



University Relations
Michael Smoose accepted the position of interim athletic director on Feb. 4.

manent athletic director, former assistant to the athletic director for internal operations Michael Smoose will operate in the position in an interim capacity. Smoose received the appointment Friday, Feb. 4.

"I was appointed Friday morning, and I'm just learning what my role will be," he said.

Before taking the assistant to athletic director position in 2009, Smoose worked as the assistant sports information director at Florida State University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration. Smoose also has a bachelor's degree in sports sciences from Ohio University.

Smoose also has held positions in sports information at Fresno State University, Northern Illinois University and Ohio University.

Smoose said that his new position was different from his old in that he must di-

rectly oversee all coaches and staff.

"It's different," he said. "Coaches that went to Mr. Carter in the past now come to me."

Smoose said that his previous position was more in line with business administration.

Smoose also said that, as interim director, he did not plan to make any changes to the overall operation of the department.

"Really, for what I'm doing, I'm maintaining the course that's been set," Smoose said. "We're winning. We're doing well in the classroom."

"In terms of the day-to-day, I'm just trying to keep us going forward."

HOLA hosts Lunch and Learn, offers career support

By Ella Greer

Hispanic Outreach and Leadership at Armstrong is not just a student organization that meets once a month for a free lunch.

The monthly meetings, formally known as Lunch and Learns, feature reputable speakers with either a presentation of who they are and what they do, or a workshop on how to succeed in the business market. Free lunch follows every meeting.

Past speakers include Lee Ozley, who conducted a workshop on how to deal with conflict in a work environment and working with people on a day-to-day basis in an effort to promote better communication skills. Other speakers in the Lunch and Learn roster are authors, government employees, doctors, nurses and athletes.

"There has been a spectrum of speakers," said Mel-

ody Rodriguez, director and founder of HOLA. "The officers come up with a list of who they are interested in, and I do my best to schedule them."

The Lunch and Learns take place every.

"The meeting is an opportunity to bring someone who the students would not normally meet on campus, and allows them to network outside of the university," Rodriguez said. "It gives them a chance to build their resumes and learn how to interview well, all from the perspective of a representative of a Fortune 500 company."

February's host is Andrea Guttin, a staff attorney at Georgia Legal Services, an organization that specializes in civil rights of minorities and those who find themselves at a financial disadvantage. Guttin will speak about basic rights and what the law should and should not do.

"Our students are in college and already have an understanding of right and wrong, but they have family members, or know someone in the community, who do not know of their basic rights and our students will be able to help them," Rodriguez said.

HOLA remains devoted to community service and outreach, including teaching English-as-a-Second-Language students.

"We love our community, and we give back by tutoring ESL children at Georgetown and Windsor Forest Elementary," Rodriguez said.

HOLA members are also known for their volunteer work at Community Healthcare Mission, the Diabetes Foundation and the American Cancer Foundation.

"Lunch and Learn is more serious, but we have fun events too, such as Chocolate Night on Friday, Feb. 11, which will be followed by the presentation of the

first Greek Latina sorority at Armstrong," Rodriguez said.

There is also the Scholarship Fundraiser Gala on April 8. Students can purchase tickets and dress up for a night of live music while raising money for the HOLA Scholarship, awarded every fall.

At its core, HOLA is simply here to decrease high school dropout rates in the Hispanic community.

"It's very chaotic to think about an entire population without a high school education," Rodriguez said. "The high school dropout rate for Georgia is 61 percent, whereas the national average is 48 percent. It's about passing on the information to parents."

Rodriguez said lack of financial aid instruction keeps many Hispanic students from applying to colleges. She said HOLA helps parents walk their children through the SAT and ACT

Campus Life

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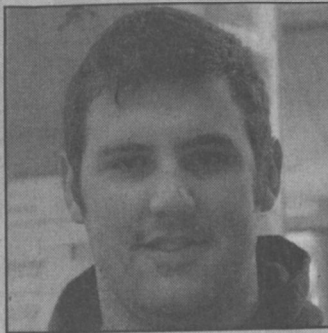
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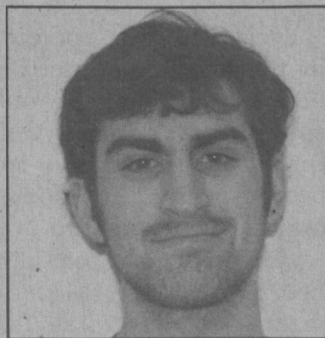
"What is your opinion of Valentine's Day?"



"It's over commercialized. It's over marketed. They make interesting romantic comedies about it."
Giles Gonnissen, math and science education, graduate student



"It's great when it's not on a weekday."
Joey Carman, engineering, freshman



"While it was founded by a saint, it has been over commercialized and says that you have to buy something when really it's the thought that counts."
Ted Knox, english communication, freshman



"I think a lot of people overrate it, but when you get down to it, it's a nice holiday for people who love each other. Even if you don't have someone, you should buy yourself ice cream or something."
Barbara Sue Crane, theater, junior

Georgia history week educates students

By Tara Jones

The Trinity United Methodist Church hosted the Georgia Historical Society's kick-off lecture for the 2011 Georgia History Festival.

"Each year, we raise an average of \$600,000 to put back into Georgia's school system," said GHS President and CEO W. Todd Groce. "This year's honoree will be Sequoyah and will be featured throughout the Festival's events. Two-hundred fifty years ago, Sequoyah created a written language for the Cherokee Nation, and it was adopted and used in the nation's newspaper, Cherokee Phoenix."

Sequoyah designed approximately 86 characters representative of the syllables of sounds of the spoken Cherokee language.

"History comes alive for the students and gives teachers the opportunity to get involved with the learning process as well," said Festival Chairman and member of the GHS Board of Curators Robert S. Jepson.

Originally, award-winning author and historian Gary Moulton was speaking on the removal of the Cherokee from Georgia in the 1830s. Unfortu-

nately he was unable to attend due to bad weather. At last-minute notice, Daniel Feller, editor of "The Papers of Andrew Jackson," filled in.

Feller elaborated on the removal of the Native Americans, on the infamous Trail of Tears and on what is left of the Cherokee Nation in North Carolina.

Over the next few weeks there will be events throughout the state to commemorate the founding of the colony of Georgia. Originally known as Georgia Days, the majority of the programs are directed toward grade-school students. Students get to participate in craft workshops, a two-day Colonial Faire and Muster living-history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, and the Georgia Day parade.

A State Historic Site, Wormsloe has been the backdrop for the Georgia History Festival's living-history events. Wormsloe was originally a silk plantation and home to first-generation Savannahian Noble Jones. On Feb. 5 and 6, vendors and re-enactors gave folks a taste of what life was like in the colonial days. Re-enactors fired muskets and cannons. They also demonstrated cooking, blacksmithing, music,

dancing and crafts.

GHS also sponsored "Super Museum Sunday" on Feb. 6. Not only did Wormsloe have its last day of festivities on the occasion, but 40 other cultural institutions throughout the Low Country opened their doors to the public for free to give folks an opportunity to learn more about their history.

The fun continues with the Shuman Cup Cricket Tournament on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Shuman Elementary School, where students get a chance to learn about one of the colony's favorite pastimes.

The morning of Friday, Feb. 11, there will be an invitation-only gathering for sponsors and special guests at the Dignitaries' Coffee. The event will introduce costumed locals and unveil new plaques to honor creators of endowment funds at the Georgia Historical Society.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Forsyth Park, local elementary school students will participate in the Georgia Day parade. Displaying their handmade banners and dressed in colonial and native attire, the children will march up Bull Street to City Hall where Mayor Otis Johnson and other officials will

present awards for the annual Banner Competition.

The next day, Feb. 12, GHS will hold its annual fund-raising Trustees Gala. The theme for the gala is "Georgia Blues." Attendees are in for a night of dining, dancing and entertainment featuring the live music of John Lee Hooker Jr. University of Georgia football coach, Vince Dooley and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn will receive awards for their lifetime of excellence in their work and philanthropic accomplishments.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20, GHF will hold the 275th anniversary of Fort Frederica Living History Encampment on St. Simons Island. It is free and open to the public.

Interested students can find more information at about the events at nps.gov/fofr.

Also, on Feb. 19, at Fort King George State Historic Site in Darien, GHF will feature a Scottish dinner, hosted by an actor dressed as James Edward Oglethorpe. The Lower Altamaha Historical Society and Fort King George have organized this event and reservations are required.

For more information, call 912-437-4770.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m., comedian Ron G will return to Armstrong and perform in the Savannah Ballroom.

"I was in class last time Ron G came to Armstrong," said student Ashley Miller. "I can't wait to see him this time."

Friday night is Armstrong's Casino night. The event begins at 8 p.m. in the Savannah Ballroom. The dress is semi-formal. There will be numerous prizes available for those willing to test their luck. These include, but are not limited to, three top prizes consisting of Pirate Cards loaded with \$75, \$50 and \$25. The ballroom will be set up as a casino with 10 different tables. Casino games will include roulette, blackjack and Texas Hold 'em and others.

Saturday is the final day of Homecoming Week. At 2 p.m., there will be a homecoming tailgate party with an alumni social and the Homecoming Parade. The events will start in front of the Student Union.

Preceding the tailgate party, the parade will begin. During the Homecoming Parade, there will be a competition

for best banner.

During the tailgate party, the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will grill hot dogs and burgers. Free games and prizes will be available.

There will be a stand for Chroma-Crystal pictures, which are pictures enclosed in crystal instead of ordinary picture frames. Also for the first time, the Homecoming Committee is including laser tag in the activities for the day.

At 5:30 p.m., Armstrong's women's basketball team plays their homecoming game. At 7:30 p.m., the men's team plays their homecoming basketball game against the Lander Bearcats. During halftime, three events will take place. The winners of the banner competition will be announced. The total amount of cat and dog food collected for the Humane Society will be revealed. And lastly, the king and queen of the homecoming court will be unveiled.

Armstrong's 2011 homecoming week ends with the Homecoming Dance after the game. The fun begins at 10 p.m. in the Savannah Ballroom. There will be music, food and lots of dancing.

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

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Housing arrangement process leaves more to be desired

The Inkwell Editorial Board

Armstrong is rapidly growing from a commuter school to a residential university with a multitude of diverse individuals to fill it with a vibrant campus life.

Though Armstrong has taken great steps toward physically accommodating its influx of students, University Housing should take more care in pairing students as roommates. With a rooming-assignment survey consisting of only six questions, some students may feel as though compatible roommate placement is more a matter of luck than personal similarity.

The change toward a more residential campus occurred so quickly that seniors who attended Armstrong their entire college careers may not even recognize the university around them. Some of these seniors, however, may also remember the time they spent living on campus, and not all of their memories are necessarily pleasant.

Wild stories, unpleasant experiences, bad memories and sorry semesters can almost always be attributed to bad roommates. Students rooming with others often deal with loud and irksome music, bullying, theft, general uncleanness — the list goes on. Community assistants and University Police may hold the line and prevent campus life from plunging into total chaos, but many of the

problems that residential students have go unnoticed. University Housing cannot bare all of the blame. Some people are simply prone to cause problems. Most of these problems, however, would not be issues in the first place if Housing better paired students with roommates from the get-go.

Now that out-of-town freshmen have to live on campus to attend Armstrong, it is only right that the university respects their commitment by offering students the best living arrangements possible. The best way to start this process is by revamping the student survey used to sort people.

University Housing primarily sorts students who apply for housing by the community that they choose to live in, except for freshmen, who must live in Windward Commons. Housing then further sorts students by a survey that asks them six very simple questions.

The questions found on the housing application appear oddly reminiscent of those found on the applications of dating websites. The survey inquires as to students' basic sleep habits, study habits, level of privacy, cleanliness, smoking habits and personal interests.

This would be a fine start, but the level of depth ends there.

Some of the problems students may run into are

often based on their pursuits of relationships. Some students may not be ready for a commitment and only want to pursue casual encounters, whereas other students may be more interested in committing themselves to one person and being in monogamous relationships, and there are also students who wish to focus only on school and not be caught up in dating or relationships. This causes scheduling issues and determines who comes and goes at odd hours.

Though students of different romantic types usually get along fine, these matters do occasionally cause conflict. It would not seem too intrusive for the roommate-matching questionnaire to include a question or two regarding a student's dating habits.

Like oil and water, some individuals are simply not right for each other. An individual may not be a bad person, but he or she can be a bad roommate.

Question six on the Roommate Matching Questionnaire, which focuses on "Theme-Based Housing," is the most useless question of them all. The survey asks students to check in boxes that match up with their interests, like "Pirate Crazies" or "Career Exploration" or "Sustainability." The survey does not attempt to explain what any of these things are, or what it could mean for a student's placement, and many incoming students may be more confused by this question than benefitted.

Students may think they are trying to be tolerant in their survey answers, but their tolerance is sometimes punished by a semester of torment. Just because it's cordial and polite to be tolerant of other people's differences doesn't mean roommates will.

There are also very different levels of social ability among college students, and although the atmosphere is more mature among undergraduates than high school students, bullying still occurs. There should be at least a few questions on the subject of personal interests, like hobbies, culture and where students are from.

While Armstrong may also technically be a dry campus, a fair deal of drinking and partying still

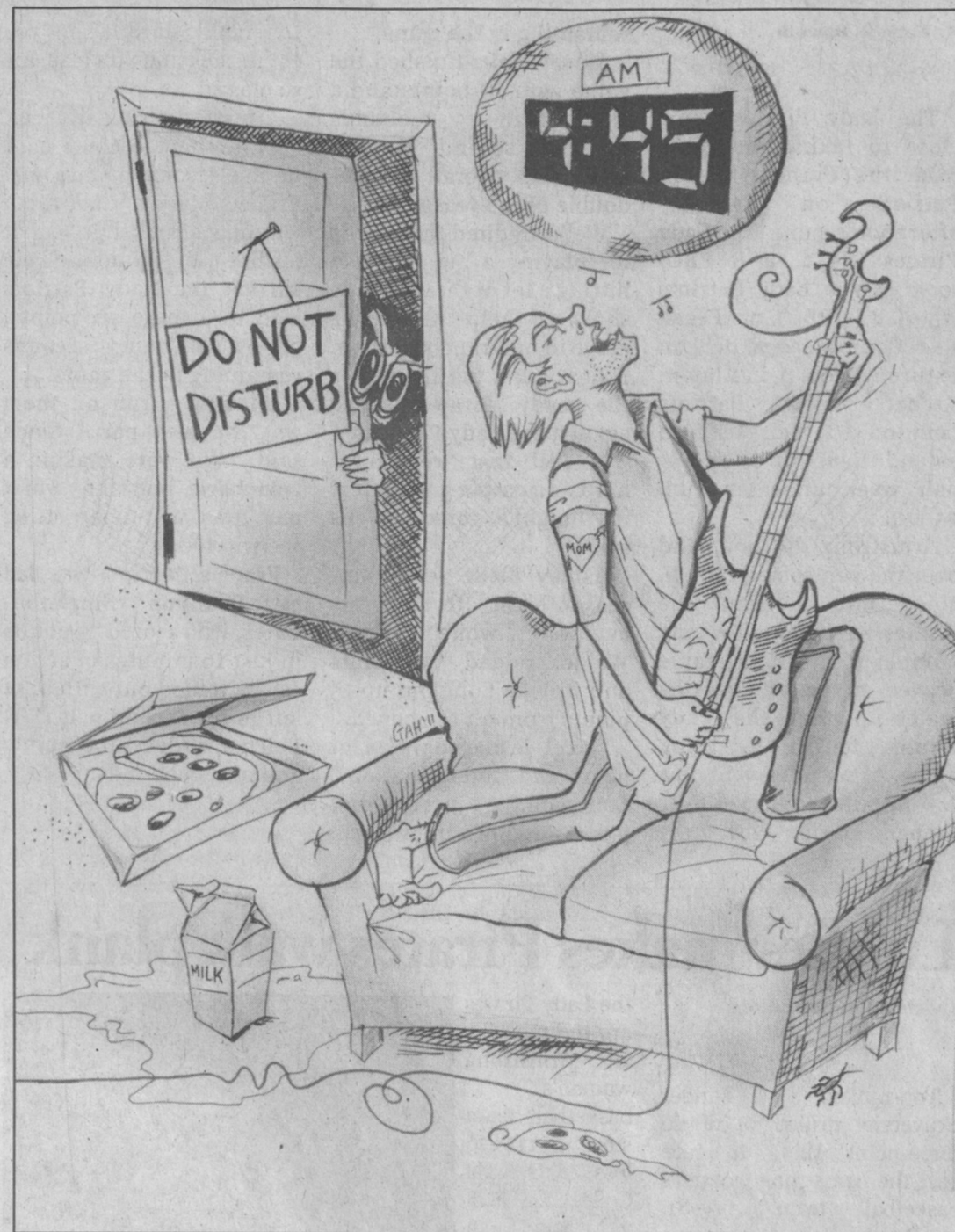


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goes on. This can be hell for students trying to get sleep for a big test or lab practical. Of course students attempting to study amid this chaos are able to study elsewhere, but it is not exactly fair for a student to be kicked out of an apartment just to be able to get some work done. Parties are also a common way for theft to take place.

The survey should include some way for Housing to discern which students like to party excessively and which ones don't. It would be best for everyone involved if students had roommates whose company they enjoyed.

There is also the question of how greatly an aspect of the student survey affects roommate placement. Assuming all the current questions are weighted equally, then a student's blind choice of theme-based housing would be weighted just as heavily as cleanliness or personal hours. People who are very clean

tend to be adamant about living with other people who are also very clean, and would most likely choose to live with other clean students rather than students who happened to choose "Community Service" under question six, especially when cleanliness is arguably the most important issue when finding a roommate. If residents don't clean their apartments, a simple matter of personal preference can evolve into a major health issue.

On a lighter note, however, the university certainly does an outstanding job of seeing that one does not end up with a roommate who has meningitis.

It may prove impossible to devise a foolproof system for pairing students together as roommates, but it is not unreasonable to ask that Housing try harder to pair students together as best they can, for the sake of both current and future generations of Armstrong alumni.

Living with roommates

is the hallmark of the college experience. However, there's no reason that experience has to be bad. The risk students take in putting their living situation in the hands of Armstrong doesn't always end disastrously. There are a lot of good experiences that come from getting to know different kinds of people. College is about students trying to learn and broaden their horizons so they can grow to become more well-rounded and capable individuals in the real world. This, however, does not excuse obviously Armstrong's inability to effectively pair residents.

As more students become citizens of the Armstrong community, whether through aspiration or conscription, Housing must play a more active role in enacting their own lifestyle survey, and, by doing so, will improve campus relations as a whole.

against you: a misdemeanor cyber harassment charge, or if the child is young enough, a charge of juvenile delinquency. All of that can follow you for the rest of your life. Next time you send a text, make sure you know where it's going and watch what you say. My lesson has been learned.

— Austin Andrews

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Letter to the editor

Think twice before pressing 'send'

Due to a rising percentage of cyber bullying dealing with teenagers, I would like to set an example for those who might think of making a huge mistake.

I've made some bad choices in my life, but none as bad as a prank I pulled in college. What should have been an inside joke turned into a huge disaster. Please watch what you send in your text mes-

sages. What might be a joke to you could hurt or even destroy another person's life.

The consequences aren't even worth the laugh.

Now that I look back, I realize that what I did was wrong, and my apology is as sincere as my heart gets.

People tend to not take cyber bullying seriously, but I know one thing for sure — you have the power to ruin an

innocent life. For those who are unaware of what cyber bullying is, it is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, or mobile phones.

There are two main charges that can be brought up

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SPORTS

Feb. 10: Tennis at Augusta St., 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Ga. Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Ga. Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11: Baseball vs. Southern Indiana, 2 p.m.
Feb. 12: Softball vs. Ga. Southwestern, 1 p.m.
Baseball vs. Southern Indiana, 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Columbus St., 1:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Ga. Southwestern, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Columbus St., 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 13: Men's Tennis vs. Rollins, 10 a.m.
Baseball vs. Southern Indiana, 11 a.m.
Tennis vs. Anderson, 2 p.m.
Feb. 14: Women's Golf at Third Annual Newberry College Invitational in Hilton Head, S.C.
Feb. 15: Women's Golf at Third Annual Newberry College Invitational in Hilton Head, S.C.

Lady Patriots edge Armstrong

By Katie R. Balcom

The Lady Pirates came close to taking the game from the Francis Marion Patriots on Saturday afternoon's game. The Lady Pirates (8-12, 4-8 PBC) took on the Lady Patriots (15-5, 8-4 PBC) in a Peach Belt Conference match on Saturday, Feb. 5, in Alumni Arena. The Lady Patriots held on to their lead to extend their three-and-a-half week unbeaten run, 75-70.

Armstrong did not hand over the win easily though; going into halftime the Pirates were only down six points, 36-30. The game proved to be an exciting match-up that the Lady Pirates fought to bring home. Armstrong went on a two-minute, 10-2 run over Francis Marion with 4:53

remaining in the game. Mauri Wells finished the game with 18 points and a season-high 15 rebounds for her second straight and ninth overall double-double of the season.

Wells credited the guards for playing a big role and hitting a lot of their outside shots to help Armstrong move in on Francis Marion. Effort was a big theme for the Lady Pirates' game against the Lady Patriots.

"I feel that we played hard and gave a great effort in tonight's game," Wells said.

Ashley Slade set a new season high with 18 points as well, while Jazmin Walker added 14 points and Brooke Long put up 15 points from off the bench.

"I feel we played with a lot heart and determination," Long said. "We just couldn't pull it out down the stretch.

It's really hard when you come back and you lose one so close."

Armstrong gave it their best attempt to come back in the second half to end Francis Marion's unbeaten winning streak but lost it in the last minute. Slade shrunk the Lady Patriots lead to a mere six points, 73-67, with only 35 seconds remaining in the game.

"Making a run on them was the best part," Slade said. "We were making a comeback but the worst part was just not getting the win today."

Francis Marion was led by Shannon Singleton-Bates, who scored 15 points in just 16 minutes of action as she fouled out with 9:44 left in the second half. T.T. Belcher added nine points and nine rebounds.



Photo by Dustin Adams

Mauri Wells had 18 points and 15 rebounds for her ninth double-double of the season against Francis Marion.

Lander makes Pirates walk plank

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Top-ranked Lander University drilled 14 of 26 three-point shots to race past the Armstrong women's basketball team, 113-81, in Peach Belt Conference action on Monday, Feb. 7, in Greenwood, S.C.

Both the Lady Bearcats (23-0, 13-0 PBC) and the Lady Pirates (8-13, 4-9 PBC) shot better than 50 percent from the floor and combined for 21 three-pointers in the high scoring affair. Lander hit 40-of-75 shots from the floor (53.3 percent) while the Lady Pirates hit 26-of-48 shots from the floor (54.2 percent), but Armstrong was plagued by 32 turnovers in the contest.

A total of 11 players reached double-figure scoring between the two teams. Lander's Jasmine Judge hit 6-of-10 three-pointers en route to her game-high 18 points, leading six Lady Bearcats in double figures. Shannon McKeever added 16 points, while Ciara Lyons and Brittini Johnson added 13 points. Nardia Robbins chipped in 12 points and seven assists off the bench and Tasheba Butler added 10 points.

For the Lady Pirates, Mauri Wells notched her fourth straight double-double and 11th double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Arpine Amirkhanyan also notched 15 points, while Jazmin Walker and Brooke Long added 14 points apiece and Ashley Slade chipped in 12 points.

The 113 points given up by

the Lady Pirates are the most by an Armstrong women's basketball team since a 114-76 loss to Georgia College on Feb. 20, 1998, in Milledgeville.

The Armstrong men's basketball team suffered a nearly seven-minute scoring drought over the last eight minutes of a Peach Belt Conference contest at Lander, suffering a 65-51 loss to the Bearcats.

The Pirates (13-8, 7-6 PBC) saw a modest two-game win streak in the league come to an end, while Lander (9-12, 2-11 PBC) notched only its second win in the league this season.

Keyshore Williams' dunk with 7:46 remaining in the contest clipped the Lander lead to just two points, 48-46, but a scoreless stretch that included seven turnovers and seven missed shots allowed the Bearcats to push their lead to 59-46 with just over a minute remaining.

Armstrong had used a 14-3 run over the last four and a half minutes of the first half to take a 30-27 lead into halftime. But the Pirates hit just 7 of 23 field goal tries after halftime for 30 percent



Photo by Dustin Adams

Keyshore Williams had eight points, six rebounds, and four blocks in 26 minutes of action at Lander on Feb. 7.

from the floor.

Chris Vanlandingham led the Pirates on the night with 15 points, his sixth straight game as the leading scorer for Armstrong.

Tovi Bailey led the Bearcats with 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the floor and 9-of-10 shooting from the free throw line. Jermel Kennedy added a double-double with 15 points and 17 rebounds.

Lander outrebounded the Pirates on the night, 41-34, including an 18-8' edge in offensive rebounds.

Pirate Basketball returns to action on Thursday, Feb. 10, hosting Georgia Southwestern State at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Arena.

Pirates conquer Francis Marion

By TeOsha Mayo

Armstrong's men's basketball team pulled yet another win out of this season on Saturday, Feb. 5, in Alumni Arena against the Francis Marion Patriots. The Pirates managed to end the game with a four point, 79-75 win.

Chris Vanlandingham once again made a major contribution to the win, bringing in 20 points and three assists. Grant Domsic scored 16 points, and Brett Goodwell and Jesse Wheeler scored 12 points each.

Goodwell also had six assists, while Keyshore Williams provided the team with four blocks. The team was aware of their competition from Francis Marion and had prepared themselves during recent practices.

"We had a great week of practice, there was the victory we had at Flagler, then came back and had two great days of practice," said the Pirates' head coach, Jeremy Luther.

"That's a good team we beat," Luther said. "We hung in there. We got some big leads and let them come in and do a little bit but the guys had a lot of effort plays down the stretch, but we won that because of how hard we were playing."

Luther said and Vanlandingham and

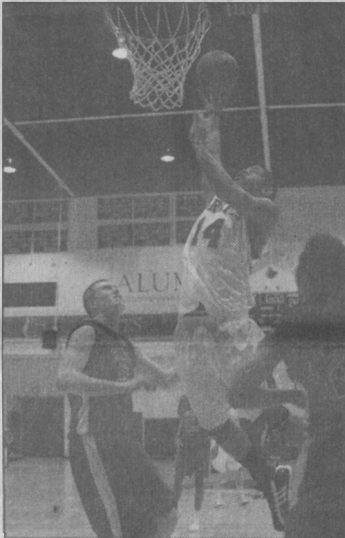


Photo by Dustin Adams

Brett Goodwell had 12 points and 11 rebounds against Francis Marion.

Goodwell made some big shots for this game. Vanlandingham recognizes his other teammates' hard work, though.

"It was a great team effort and I feel like everybody did their part, and we're coming together at the right time," Vanlandingham said. "This was our second win in a row."

Although the Pirates came out on top, the team still learned a lesson from their bout against Francis Marion.

"This late in the season every team pretty much knows what the other teams are going to do," Luther said. "I think if we take something from that game it'd probably be offensive rebounding. We've got to do a better job on the

backboard and keeping our men off the glass."

The team looks at this game as a demonstration of their progress throughout the season.

"It's a process," Vanlandingham said. "I feel like we're all gelling together at the right time — that's all that matters as long as you get down here in February and start playing well all around."

Wheeler was proud of the Pirates' victory.

"Nothing we really need to work on," Wheeler said. "It's just when it comes down to crunch time we need to ... work on offensive rebound. We had more consistent offense, and we were getting stops."

Wheeler said he knew it would be a close game.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game because they're so loaded offensively and they have well balanced attacks," he said. "We just got better closing games. Earlier in the season, even in the mid-season, we weren't good at closing games."

Vanlandingham also saw the Patriots as a momentary threat.

"We were tied for a second so I figured it would come down to the wire," he said.

The Pirates face off against the Georgia Southwestern Hurricanes in the Alumni Arena at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

Armstrong baseball ties Winston-Salem in season opener

By Katie R. Balcom

Sunday, Feb. 6, brought perfect season-opening weather for the Pirates as they took on the Winston-Salem State University Rams in a double-header matchup on the newly renovated Pirate Field.

Pirate Field has seen its fair share of upgrades for the 2011 season. The new additions include an AstroTurf halo around the batting circle along with a new warning track in the outfield.

The Pirates spilt the opener with the Rams, giving each team a starting 1-1 record.

Armstrong took charge of the first game against the Rams starting in the third inning. The Winston-Salem pitcher gave Armstrong the early advantage. Wesley Edwards hit Chandler Hall and Mike Barnhill back to back giving Armstrong the chance to score. Chris Zitttrouer's (3-3) single drove in two runs giving Armstrong a 3-0 lead.

Winston-Salem answered back by putting a run on the board in the fourth inning.

Armstrong came alive in the fifth inning, busting the game wide open with Hall's grand slam.

"The best part of the day for me was to get that first

win under our belt," Hall said. "I'm not going to lie, the grand slam felt great, but to see us come together as a team today in that first game and connect on all cylinders was pretty awesome."

The Pirates took the lead 9-1 over the Rams. Winston-Salem brought in another run in the sixth inning to cap off their total 9-2.

Scott Strickland (1.29 ERA) captured the first win for the Pirates, allowing only eight hits and two runs on the day.

"The best part of the day for me was when Chandler Hall hit his grand slam,"

said right-handed pitcher Scott Strickland. "His big hit helped to take some of the load off of my shoulders and allowed me to challenge their hitters."

Game two started off with right-handed pitcher Chris Base on the mound for the Pirates. The game remained tight until the fifth inning. Walker, Barnhill and Price all contributed with singles in the inning, driving in two runs to give Armstrong the 2-0 lead.

The lead did not last long though, in the seventh inning Base was replaced by Jonathan Fulghum, after allowing two walks and a wild pitch. The Rams took

advantage of the free bases.

German Reyes doubled down the left field line driving in a run. Brice Rivenbark scored. Andrew Smith singled through the left side resulting in Tyler Hickernell crossing the plate for an RBI to tie the score 2-2. Wells advanced to second on the fielding error allowing Reyes to score the winning run 3-2.

"The team played extremely well today," Strickland said. "Offense and defense were on point; we just came up a little short in the second game. It's a long season ahead of us but today was definitely a good start."

"This team of guys is fun to be around," Head Coach Joe Roberts said. "They have good team chemistry and strong defensive this season."

The Pirates return to action on Friday, Feb. 11, hosting defending NCAA Division II national champions Southern Indiana in a 2 p.m. game at Pirate Field.

"We are really pumped to play the defending national champions next weekend because we all know to be the best you have to beat the best, and for right now, that is Southern Indiana," Hall said.

Men's tennis heads back to the court

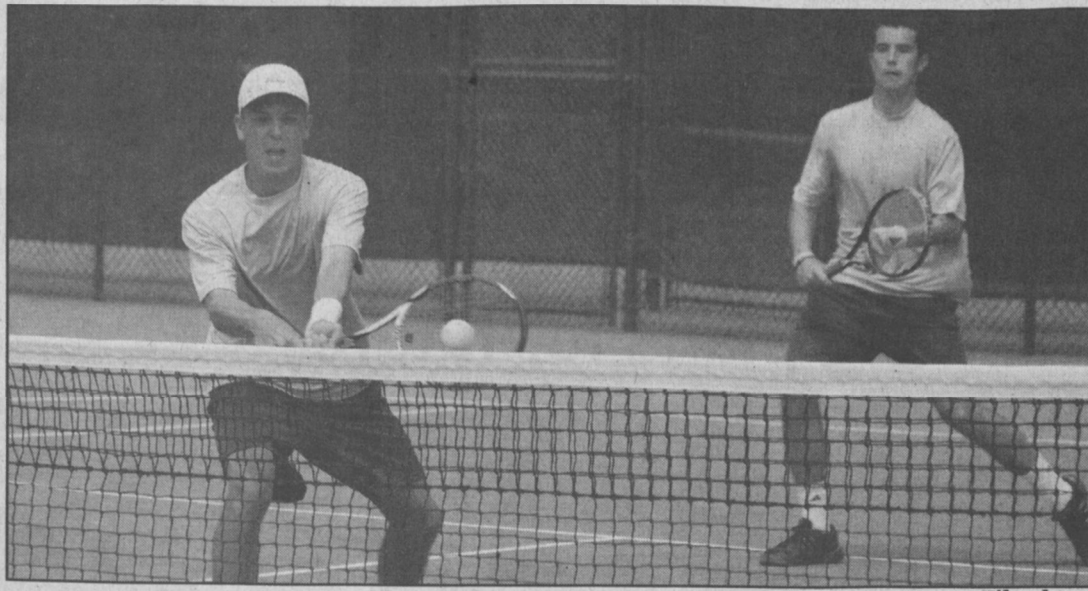
By Brittany Hodges
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As the Pirates prepare to open the 2011 tennis season on Feb. 10, the teams are already on the right track. League officials named three members of the Armstrong men's tennis team to the 2011 preseason All-Peach Belt Conference team: junior Eudaldo Bonet and seniors Rafael Array and Mikk Irdoja. The trio makes up half of the All-Peach Belt Conference team.

Bonet enters this season as the highest-ranked player in singles in the PBC. He placed second in the Fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II rankings. The Barcelona, Spain, native was named the NCAA II ITA National Singles Champion in 2008, an ITA All-American in singles in 2009 and 2010, as well as ITA Mid-Atlantic Region "Rookie of the Year." He looks forward to this season and to playing a few teams.

"Last year was a big disappointment, so hopefully we'll do better," Bonet said. "I'm definitely looking forward to playing Barry and Valdosta because they are really good teams with really good players."

"We're looking forward to playing these teams be-



Armstrong doubles partners Matus Mydla and Daniel Regan beat Tim Hansson and Harry Snoxell of Flagler, 8-6, at No. 2 on April 7, 2010.

cause they are tough teams. We are capable of beating them," he said.

Valdosta State and Barry are the only two schools that the Pirates lost to in the 2009-10 season.

Seniors Rafael Array and Mikk Irdoja have already made names for themselves. They traveled to New York this past fall to capture the ITA "Super Bowl" doubles title. The pair arrives in the 2011 season as the number-one ranked doubles team in NCAA Division II.

Array was named an ITA All-American in 2008 and 2010. Irdoja was named an ITA Collegiate All-Star in 2010 and an ITA All-American in 2009 and 2010.

He also was the 2010 PBC Player of the Year as well as made the All-Peach Belt Conference team in 2009.

The Pirates have added some fresh faces to the squad. Freshman Pedro Scocuglia from Bauru, Brazil, enters his first spring season as a Pirate.

"I mean it's my first time here, and I did the fall, but it is the first time I'm going to play for Armstrong," Scocuglia said. "It's a very good team. We have very good chances, and I really want to win. The team really wants to win, and I think we have a pretty good chance of making it to nationals."

Like Bonet, Scocuglia also

recognizes which teams will pose the most competition.

"Our second match is going to be really hard against Valdosta," he said. "...we're going to need to work really hard and be prepared mentally and physically. I think we are going to be fine."

Sophomore Daniel Regan was named to the All-Peach Belt Conference team doubles in 2009. He says the men's team expects to do a lot better this year.

"We got a tradition of going all the way, so we want to go all the way again," he said. Like his teammates, Regan also looks forward to playing Valdosta.

"They're the only team to beat us in the regular sea-

Pirates' Plunder

Armstrong Sports Trivia, previews and more

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Armstrong Sports Trivia

1. How many Lady Pirates earned All-Region Softball honors in 2010?
2. What was the overall record of the Lady Pirates for the 2009-10 season?
3. How many Lady Pirates made the 2011 preseason All-PBC Softball team?
4. What place did the coaches association rank the Lady Pirates in the nation in the 2011 NFCA preseason Division II poll?
5. How many freshmen are on the 2010-11 Lady Pirates softball team?

Check your answers at the bottom of the page.

On the horizon

Basketball:

Feb. 10



vs. Ga. Southwestern

Feb. 12



vs. Columbus St.

Women's Golf:

Feb. 14-15



at third Annual Newberry College Invitational in Hilton Head, S.C.

Baseball:

Feb. 11-13



vs. Southern Indiana

Softball:

Feb. 12



vs. Ga. Southwestern

Tennis:

Feb. 10



at Augusta St.

Feb. 13



Men's vs. Rollins

Feb. 13



vs. Anderson

Lady Pirates dominate at Clemson

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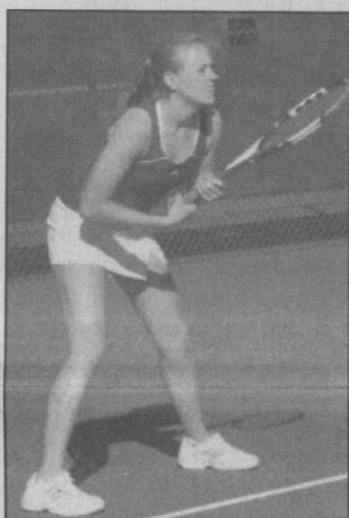
The top-ranked and three-time defending NCAA Division II champion Armstrong women's tennis team opened up the Clemson Winter Classic by going undefeated in both singles and doubles action on Friday, Feb. 4, at the Clemson Indoor Tennis Center.

The Pirates captured a pair of doubles wins over Georgia State, and then swept all seven singles matches from Brenau University in day one of action in the Classic. The ITA Super Bowl champion duo of Barbora Krackova and Alida Muller-Wehlau knocked off Kir Kemp and Tereza Lerova of the Panthers, 8-4, while Aleksandra Filipovski and Tina Ronel teamed to defeat Katerina Gresova and Othillia Lindqvist of Georgia State, 8-6.

In singles action, Muller-Wehlau defeated Lynn See Choo of NAIA power Brenau, 7-5, 4-6, (10-6). Krackova knocked off Kate Mazackova, 6-1, 6-1, while Filipovski shut out Hannah Thompson, 6-0, 6-0.

Ronel defeated Liubov Orlova, 6-2, 6-1, and Joana Szymczyk downed Eline Nagels, 6-0, 6-1. Kathleen Henry upended Stephanie Moniz, 7-5, 6-1, and Jessica Gardefjord rounded out the singles action with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Nelli Martirsoyn.

The Armstrong women's tennis team swept all four singles matches, but dropped all three doubles matches Saturday, Feb. 5, at the second day of the Clemson Winter Classic.



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Kathleen Henry swept Brenau 8-2 in a doubles match with Tina Ronel on Sunday, Feb. 6.

The Pirates faced off against Georgia State in singles action and picked up straight set wins in all four matches. Krackova collected a 6-2, 6-3 win over Lerova of the Panthers in Flight 1, while Filipovski defeated Gresova, 6-4, 6-0, in Flight 2. Szymczyk notched a 6-3, 6-0 win over Maryna Kozachenko in Flight 3 and Henry notched a 6-1, 6-1 win over Lindqvist in Flight 4.

Doubles play was rough for the Pirates against the host Tigers as the second-ranked team in Division I, Josipa Bek and Keri Wong, bested the No. 1-ranked Division II team of Krackova and Muller-Wehlau, 9-7.

Nelly Ciolkowski and Caroline Magnusson defeated Filipovski and Ronel, 8-2, at the Flight 2 doubles and Masha Belaya and Klara Vyskocilova beat Szymczyk and Gardefjord, 8-1, at Flight 3.

The Armstrong women's tennis team wrapped up action at the Clemson Winter Classic on Sunday, Feb. 6,

splitting six singles matches with the host Tigers while sweeping all three doubles matches from Brenau University.

In all three days of action, the Pirates combined to register a 13-3 singles mark and a 5-3 doubles mark at the Classic.

On Sunday, the Lady Pirates split with the host Tigers in six singles matches. The No. 12-ranked player in Division I, Beck, claimed a 6-2, 6-1 win the Lady Pirates' Muller-Wehlau in Flight 1, while Krackova collected a 2-6, 6-2, (10-8) win over Wong, ranked No. 48 in Division I.

In Flight 3, Ciolkowski claimed a 6-1, 7-5 win over Filipovski for Clemson, while Belaya notched a 6-3, 6-4 win over Ronel in Flight 4.

Henry claimed a Flight 5 win over Magnusson, 7-5, 6-2, for Armstrong and Szymczyk notched a 7-6 (8), 6-2 win over Laurianne Henry — the sister of Kathleen — in Flight 6.

In doubles play, the Lady Pirates swept all three matches from Brenau. Krackova and Muller-Wehlau knocked off the duo of Choo and Mazackova, 8-3, in Flight 1, while Filipovski and Szymczyk defeated Orlova and Thompson, 8-1, in Flight 2. Ronel and Henry completed the doubles sweep with an 8-2 win over Nagels and Moniz of Brenau at Flight 3.

Armstrong will open up the 2011 dual match season on Thursday, Feb. 10, traveling to Augusta State for a Peach Belt Conference match against the Lady Jaguars.

Women's golf set tournament low at Kiawah Island

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The Armstrong women's golf team shot a first-round 315 to sit in seventh place at the 2011 Tusculum/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Cougar Point Golf Club in Kiawah Island, S.C.

Rollins held a nine-stroke lead after shooting a first-round 296, with Florida Southern in second place (305) and UNC Pembroke in third (307). Barry (309) and Belmont Abbey (312) rounded out the top five team scores.

Freshman Rebecca Goldman fired a first-round 73 and tied for third individually. The 73 ties the program low single round score, set previously by Katherine Hooks on the same course in 2008.

Senior Sarah Johns shot an 80 and tied for 33rd individually, while junior Kim Knox shot an 81 and tied for 36th. Sophomore Kelly Pearce carded an 82 and tied for 40th individually while senior Carrie George shot an 88 and was in 63rd place individually.

Play concluded with a single round of 18 holes on Sunday, Feb. 6, in Kiawah Island.

The Armstrong women's golf team fired a final-round 315, setting a new two-day low score of 631 in a seventh-place finish at the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate on Sunday.

The two-day 631 score by the Lady Pirates eclipses the previous low of 638, set at the SCAD Spring Invitational last March.

Second-ranked Florida Southern captured the tournament crown with a 605



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Kelly Pearce finished tied for 20th with a 156 total at Kiawah Island on Feb. 6.

total, one stroke better than first-round leader and No. 17-ranked Rollins (606). Belmont Abbey (616) finished third, followed by No. 15-ranked UNC Pembroke (617) and No. 16-ranked Barry (619).

Freshman Rebecca Goldman finished tied for 12th individually after shooting a 79 on Sunday, carding a 152 total. Sophomore Kelly Pearce shot the day's best round for the Lady Pirates, carding a second-round 74 to finish tied for 20th with a 156 total.

Junior Kim Knox finished tied for 33rd with a 160 total after a second-round 79, while senior Sarah Johns finished tied for 41st with a 163 total after a second-round 79. Senior Carrie George rounded out the Armstrong scoring, finishing tied for 59th after a second-round 85.

The Lady Pirates return to action on Feb. 14-15, at the third annual Newberry College Invitational at Moss Creek in Hilton Head, S.C.

Weekly Sports Recap

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Golf:

Women's
Feb. 5-6: 7th of 17 at Tusculum Invitational
Men's
Feb. 8: Tied for 5th at Outback Steakhouse Invitational

Basketball:

Women's
Feb. 2 vs. Flagler L 66-52
Feb. 5 vs. Francis Marion L 75-70
Feb. 7 vs. Lander L 113-81

Men's
Feb. 2 vs. Flagler W 83-79
Feb. 5 vs. Francis Marion W 79-75
Feb. 7 vs. Lander L 65-51

Baseball:

Feb. 6 vs. Winston-Salem State L 3-2
vs. Winston-Salem State W 9-2

Women's Tennis:

Feb. 4-6: Clemson Winter Classic
13-3 overall singles mark
5-3 overall doubles mark

Armstrong Sports Trivia Answers

1. Three Lady Pirates earned All-Region Softball honors in 2010: Shelby Duff, Baillie Temples and April Jowers.
2. The Lady Pirates finished 33-20 in 2009-10.
3. The 2011 preseason All-PBC Softball team includes four Lady Pirates: April Jowers, Baillie Temples, Ashley Bucket and Shelby Duff.
4. The 2011 NFCA preseason Division II poll ranked the Lady Pirates 22nd.
5. There are three freshmen on the 2010-2011 Lady Pirates softball team: Kelsey Hilbrenner, Lorin Ricketson and Lauren Wilcox.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Feb 10: The Department of Art, Music and Theatre presents David Northington on piano at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium
Feb 11: AMT presents David Oliver piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium
Feb 12: AMT presents Pianofest Competition Winners Recital at 5:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium
 Office of Multicultural Affairs presents "Dirty South Hip Hop Party" at 9 p.m. in Savannah Ballroom
Feb 14: Campus Union Board screens the movie "Valentine's Day" at 8 p.m. in Savannah Ballroom
Feb. 15: The Student Activities Committee presents "Second Annual Armstrong Talent Show" at 7 p.m. in Savannah Ballroom
Feb 16: CUB presents comedian Ron G. at 8 p.m. in Savannah Ballroom

Animation Festival makes strong return

Homegrown event back with big plans for future

By Eric Roberts

Last year, Hal and Nancy Miles gave Savannah its first international animation festival.

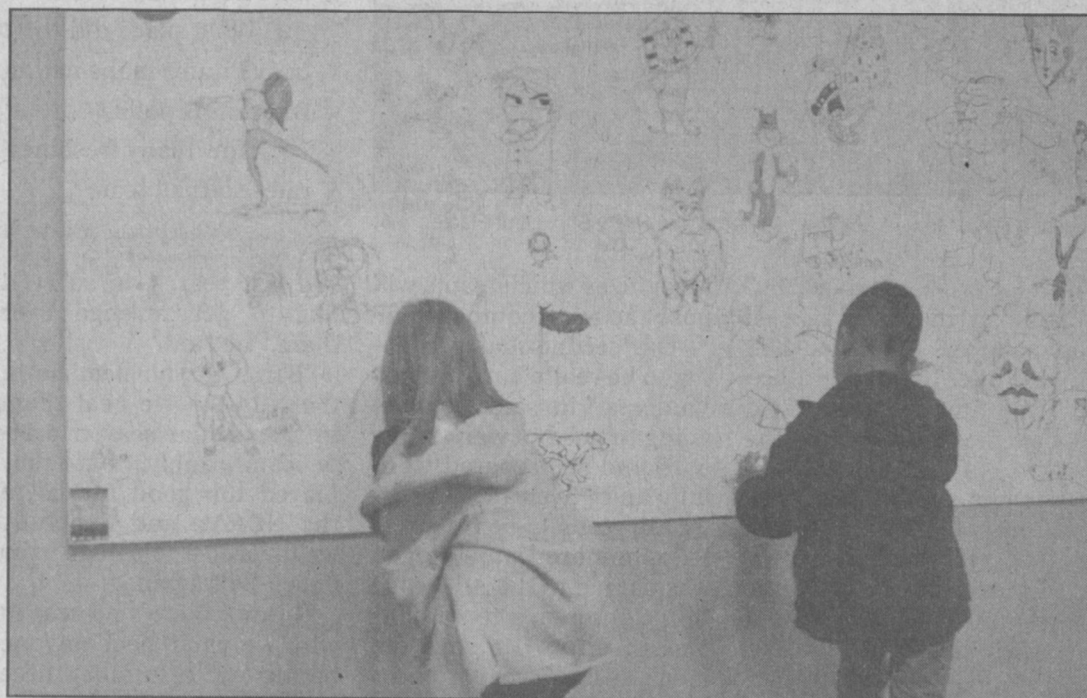
With skills and knowledge acquired through the couple's careers in animation, Hal and Nancy formed the Savannah International Animation Festival and ran the project themselves, presenting one of the South's only major festivals devoted solely to animation.

This past weekend, the festival went through its second annual run — and it's only getting stronger.

This year's festival built upon the framework of its first run's format, leading to much acclaim from the local animation community. "Overall we thought the festival was wonderful again this year," Hal said. "It's thrilling to get that feedback that we were hoping for. It's great to actually get to hear it directly from the people."

This year's festival had an array of activities, including six workshops and panels, 50 animation screenings and a public sit-in devoted entirely to classic cartoons.

The bulk of the festival was the competition portion, where the finalists of the submitted animations would be played back to back in various animation blocks for both the audience and the judges' panel. Each block carried a variety of genres and styles of animation.



Left: Attendees of the animation festival were able to create illustrations on an art board during scheduled breaks. Right: Hal and Nancy Miles, founders of the animation festival, stand at the entrance of the exhibition. The festival began on Feb. 5 at the Coastal Georgia Center, on Fahm Street downtown Savannah.

After the screenings finished, audiences would submit an anonymous vote for the Audience Choice award.

"One filmmaker who came was actually the only American winner," Nancy said. "The rest of the winners were actually from other countries — so this definitely is now an international event. We've actually got submissions coming in from 13 different countries this year."

In addition to its stronger international element, this year's competition reached new boundaries of theme and quality, introducing pieces rooted heavily in abstract experimentation and mature subject matter.

"It's unbelievable when you look at the gap between the festivals to think that the quality of work was only a

year apart," said returning judge Charles DaCosta. "The quality is just way out there. They're well executed, they have interesting themes, and it's just amazing."

Though the animation festival has made its mark in the festival circuit, bigger plans are on the horizon for Hal and Nancy.

The couple announced the creation of a new animation hall of fame. Just like the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Baseball Hall of Fame, the international Animation Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization structured around the Hall of Fame — but this one is tentatively planned to be located in Savannah.

The project is now officially operational and plans are in motion for the physical

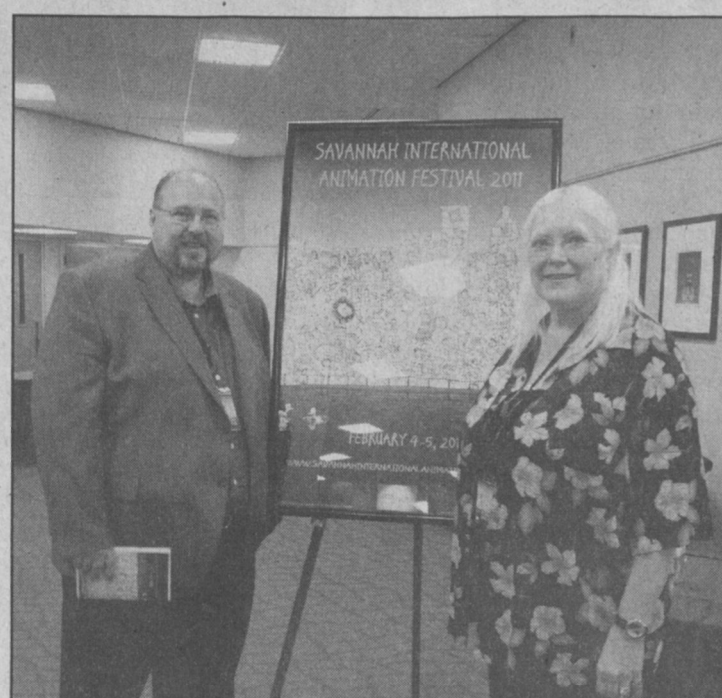
construction of the hall.

Once constructed, the Animation Hall of Fame will contain a literal hall for the inductees, a full museum devoted to the preservation and display of pieces from around the world, an educational public archive, a large theater and a restaurant — but this isn't just a standard tourist destination.

To make it accessible to professionals and students in the medium, the hall will provide an in-house supply shop as well as a fully functional studio for the housing and production of animation.

"As of Friday, it really exists," Hal said. "This is our life project, and we'll make sure to see it through all the way."

"And this isn't just for us,"



Photos by Grey Pearson

Nancy said. "This is something for anyone — for everyone."

With the announcement of the Animation Hall of Fame out of the way, plans are once again underway for next year's festival.

The Miles' promise a new, streamlined format full of innovative and surprising content, such as a new artist's gallery and forum started by the returning judge and lecturer Cheryl Cabrera.

"With SCAD here and 3D World magazine labeling it one of the top three places in the world to study, Savannah's already got a strong presence for animation," Cabrera said.

"Especially now with Hal and Nancy starting the launch of the Hall of Fame, it's just going to be phenom-

enal," she said.

Even with the festival continuing to grow in popularity and capability, and with the announcement of the new international Hall of Fame, Hal and Nancy keep a humble approach, going out of their way to make sure the animation festival remains a very personal experience for everyone involved.

"We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and sponsors for all of the hard work they put in," Nancy said. "We really couldn't do it without them. They're absolutely invaluable."

"The whole experience is magical," Hal said. "Now with the Hall of Fame and everything that surrounds it, we hope to keep it magically fun for everybody."

Gamers unite for 'Magic' launch party

Southside gaming store holds weekly tournaments

By Brittany Jelinski

Many novice "Magic: The Gathering" players may not be aware that beginner-friendly tournaments happen every week in Savannah. On Sunday, Feb. 6, "Magic" players filled Morningstar Games on Montgomery Cross Road for a launch party offering a new set of tournament-legal cards called "Mirrodin Besieged."

Players arrived by noon to receive their unopened packs of brand new "Magic" cards. They then tore open those packs to build 40-card-minimum decks in less than 20 minutes. The five-round tournament lasted about six hours.

Players ranged from novice to expert. Some have played "Magic" for almost a decade while others were completely new to the game. Paul Tong, 27, said he has played for seven years.

"I'm a competitive player," Tong said. "I think it's fun. It's not about winning, it's about playing well."

Thirty-one year-old Dave Riechert hadn't played in 15 years but has visited Morningstar infrequently for the past eight years. Riechert shared his reasons for coming to the tournament.

"Basically it seemed like a good opportunity to get

some cards," Riechert said. "Have some fun, play some people I haven't played before. I play to win, but I don't go crazy if I lose."

Armstrong student and Morningstar employee Marisa Geoghagan said she plays to win and looks forward to the free cards. However, players such as Geoghagen, who play competitively, do not necessarily win in this kind of tournament.

"Typically the competitive players have gotten a lot of practice for this kind of stuff," Geohagen said. "They've done a lot of sealed stuff, so they know how to build decks, what cards are good and what cards are bad."

"And so they have more strategy. But with sealed especially, it's mostly about luck."

Most Morningstar employees also play games, including owner Jeff Kinner, who has played "Magic" since 1992.

"My interest had always been tabletop gaming and historical miniatures but I also played a lot of 'Magic' and stuff like that," Kinner said.

"Magic has always kept my interest — it's a great game," he said. "I can't take four hours to play a game with somebody, but I can take half an hour to play 'Magic.'"

Kinner said Morningstar has always been a big



Photo by Nathan Wise

Gamers compete in "Magic" tournaments at Morningstar Games on Feb. 6.

"Magic" store. He is hopeful that the frequency of "Magic" play will increase in the future.

"Everybody can and should play," Kinner said. "If you'd come and just play, you're so much better just by the end of that day than when you started, just because of what you

see and learn. You see how everything matches and your questions get answered."

"You see little combinations and all kinds of stuff and it changes the game. It's really good for people that haven't played a lot."

In fall 2009, Morningstar

moved west on Montgomery Cross Road, from a location near Lake Mayer to its new home across from Kmart near Abercorn Street.

"Our gaming area is almost as big as the old store," Kinner said.

"Twenty-four people is what we used to get for a really good turnout," he said. "Our size has more than doubled. Now we're up to 65."

With the growing size, Morningstar tournaments are also able to accommodate new players.

"Our tournaments are geared more towards the fun of 'Magic,'" Kinner said. "We have some serious players, but they're people who know how to play nice, who don't think that beating up on a rookie for the sake of a couple of points matters."

Kinner helps new people build decks that they otherwise would not be able to build without an experienced "Magic" player. He said he likes to make sure that everyone has a good time.

Tournament prizes, for example, were determined not by ranking, but by how many rounds a player wins. So, for every match won after the first, Kinner distributed a pack of cards to the winner.

"The guys on the top end don't like it very much, but the guys on the lower end like it a lot," Kinner said.

"But you know, it's about having fun."

Kinner also makes the effort to appeal to newcomers by making "Magic" play affordable.

"I've probably got 20,000 cards over there that people can just go through at a quarter a piece," he said. "They can build all kinds of stuff without having to spend any big money."

Riechert said he would recommend new players go one of the pre-constructed "Magic" tournaments, which are held every Sunday at 1 p.m. A pre-constructed deck is one that contestants make at home and bring with them, while the Sunday launch party was a sealed tournament. A sealed tournament is one where the players have to make their decks at Morningstar, from cards they have not previously owned.

"We only got like 20 minutes to build our decks, and I had to read every card because I didn't know any of them," Riechert said. "And 20 minutes to build your deck and read every card is really not enough time for a newbie."

"It's way stressful. I would recommend coming to one where you bring your own deck, for a newbie."

Local artist gets national recognition

By Matthew Harrell

Many artists spend years working before getting recognition from national music websites. Savannah artist Melissa Ann Sweat, who performs under the moniker Lady Lazarus, is one of the rare few to enjoy a quick, early success.

A year ago, Chicago-based Pitchfork gave Lady Lazarus' single "The Eye in the Eye of the Storm" from the album "Mantic" a rating of seven out of 10. Sweat said since the internet attention, her skill and significance has entered into the music world.

With spotlight on her, Sweat is mostly concerned with sharing her music locally. She recently played two shows at local venues, Tantra Lounge on Feb. 5, and Lulu's Chocolate Bar on Feb. 6.

Born and raised in San Jose, Calif., Sweat said she has always enjoyed finding outlets for her creativity. In her early years, she created works of fine art and avidly wrote poetry. It wasn't until 2008 that she developed an interest in performing music.

"When I was in my mid-20s I started to feel like I wanted to try my hand at it," Sweat said. "I've been a



Courtesy of Melissa Ann Sweat
Lady Lazarus also known as Melissa Ann Sweat poses for the camera.

writer for many years and I love the natural extension of creative interest."

For performance purposes, Sweat adopted the alias Lady Lazarus, based on Sylvia Plath's poem of the same name. In the poem, the titular character strips bandages from her resurrected body in an almost sensual way. Sweat

says this is much like performing, because she bares her emotions under the eyes of the audience.

"Music is very spirited," said Sweat. "Lazarus was a tremendous figure, maybe a little terrifying. She can convey dark feelings, yet not always seem so dark."

Released in 2009, Sweat's

first album, "Home Recordings," features songs that convey a darker mood.

After "Home Recordings," Sweat devoted her time to performing and getting her name out to the world. She also used her recorded music to begin a search for a label to sign with, which was more difficult than she expected.

"As a female performer, I struggle against many obstacles," she said. "A lot of people tell you that you don't know what you're doing. It is thoroughly important to make music. The business side takes fun away."

Sweat said she was apprehensive in searching for a record label because she did not want her creative expression to be edited or limited. She said it was apparent to her that the music industry had a dark side.

"There are a lot of bear traps to fall into," she said. Sweat moved from San Jose to Savannah last October. She said that as an artist, it was crucial for her to broaden her horizons. For her,

that process was easier on the east coast.

Sweat's new album, "Mantic," released last month, focuses on having powers of divinity and prophecy, which she said she feels is a significant part of her writing process.

"It is a spontaneous process," she said. "Inspiration comes from within, a muse of sorts."

Over the years Sweat took her self-proclaimed spontaneity on the road. She has performed in Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington. She said touring was a great experience.

"I love an on-the-road lifestyle," she said. Sweat aspires to become a well-known figure in the music industry. Though her popularity is rising, Sweat said she plans to stay on track while enjoying the attention.

"I'm doing this for me," Sweat said. "I feel really empowered by the process. A lot of things test that, but the joy lies in sharing music."

Lady Lazarus' next show will be Saturday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. at The Sentient Bean on Park Avenue. She will perform with Brandon Nelson McCoy and The Sad Bastard String Band.

New Iron and Wine release lacks fluidity

By Ben Giddens

Samuel Beam, also known as Iron and Wine, starts 2011 with the release of his fourth studio album, "Kiss Each Other Clean." Iron and Wine is reinvented yet again, this time as "that early-to-mid-'70s FM, radio friendly music," as Beam said in an interview for Spin magazine.

Although a valiant effort, the sound comes across more as a merger of styles from earlier albums such as "The Shepherd's Dog" and "Our Endless Numbered Days." The lack of inner song growth found within the album — that works well in Beam's acoustic record — leaves the listener with much to desire. Melodic hooks are often sacrificed for a chance to grow as an artist — although, in this case, it might just be laziness.

The album starts with "Walking Far from Home," a song that gains interest with a hopeful vocal melody line. As the song ends, however, it is realized that you have listened to the same melody for the

entire song, only above different, unnecessary instrumental changes.

After the feeling of being robbed of a great opening song subsides, half of the second track, "Me and Lazarus," has been played. The second half of this song is identical to the first, with the exception of a few added instruments, so no rewinding is necessary.

The first recommended track of the original cut comes halfway through the album. "Half Moon," which is vocally reminiscent of songs from "Our Endless Numbered Days," finally starts to gain the '70s feel for which Beam was searching.

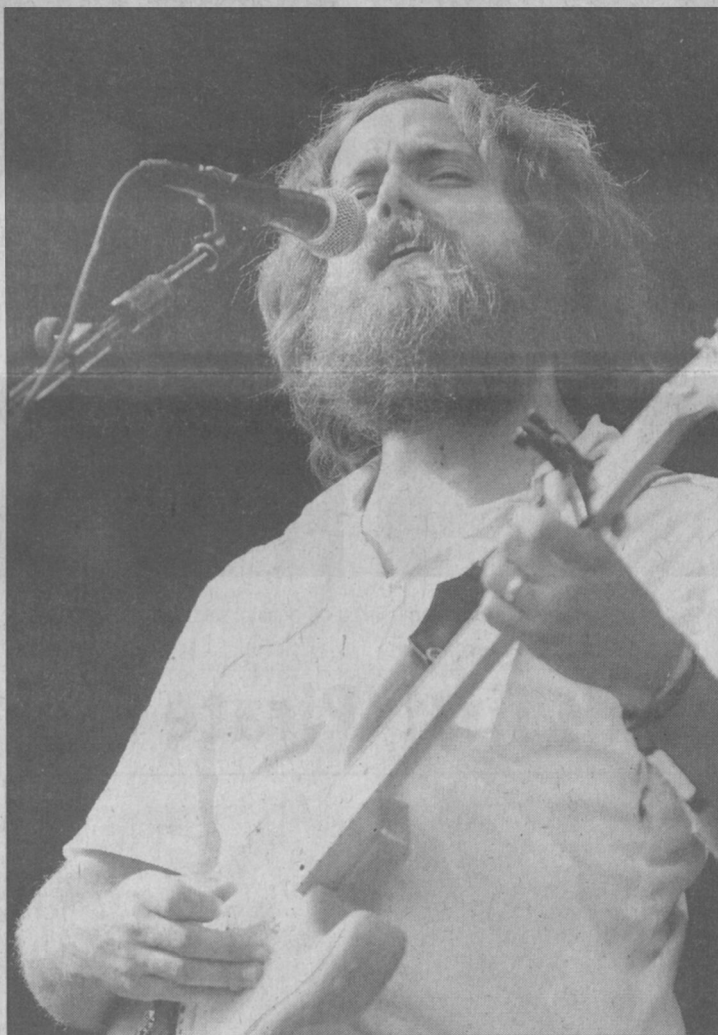
Only one track away lies "Godless Brother in Love," which is one of the few high points of the album.

This acoustic-guitar-and-piano-led song reminds the listener of what broke Iron and Wine into the music scene. Beautiful vocal leads and harmonies sooth the listener's soul and make him or her forget about what happened in the majority of the first half of the album.

The deluxe edition of "Kiss Each Other Clean," found on iTunes, has two bonus tracks, "Black Candle" and "Lean Into the Light." The former follows the overall flow of the original cut of the album. The latter, though, is a breath of fresh air. Quite possibly the best track on the album, "Lean Into the Light" nods to the styling of the doo-wop group The Flamingos. The exclusion of such a good track in the standard release makes one wonder if Beam chose which tracks to cut at random.

While the album is mostly stagnant in feel, there are a few highlighted tracks. Aiming to purchase individual tracks ("Half Moon," "Godless Brother in Love" and "Lean Into the Light"), as opposed to the whole album, may better suit the listener.

If searching for the old Iron and Wine that brought whispering vocals alongside folksy acoustic guitar lines, then his is not the album to purchase. Diehard Iron and Wine fans, however, will enjoy Beam's new direction, as it is not far off from his previous sound.



Mike Rich/Chicago Tribune Redeye/MCT
Sam Beam of Iron and Wine performs during Lollapalooza at Grant Park in Chicago in 2008.

'Love and Basketball' slam dunks for Valentine's Day

By Natalie Terrazola

All's fair in "Love and Basketball," Spike Lee's classic romance drama. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, the Campus Union Board screened "Love and Basketball" on Monday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. in Ogeechee Theater to keep the romantic holiday's theme alive.

The main characters are childhood neighbors, Quincy (Omar Epps) and Monica (Sanaa Lathan) who grow up to love the competitive sport of basketball. Organized like a basketball game, the movie depicts the two lovers' lives within four quarters.

The plot highlights the pressures of being a professional athlete while maintaining a personal life. The movie takes the viewer on an emotional roller coaster as life takes Quincy and Monica through sharp turns and loopy spirals. The movie keeps the audience in suspense as Monica and Quincy play a game of one-on-one

for love.

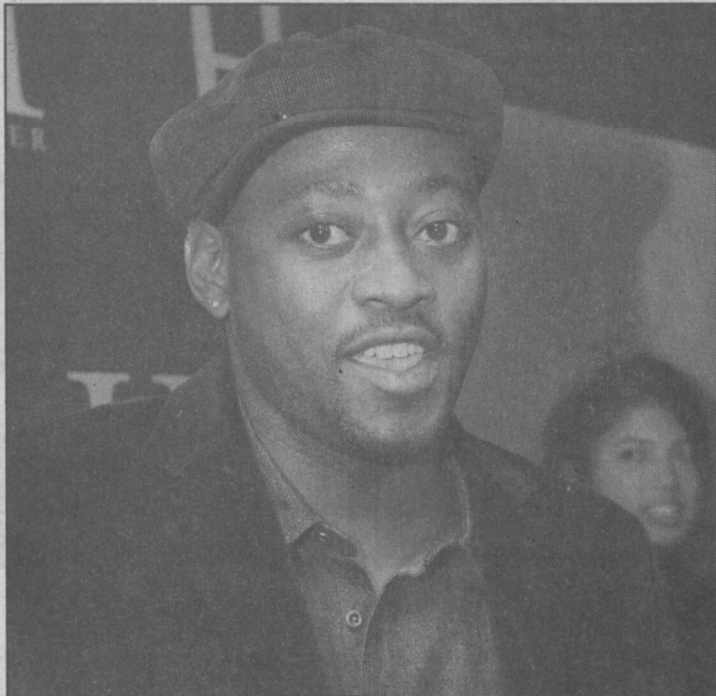
Senior Roshima Shank said this movie never fails to entertain.

"I could never watch this movie too many times," Shanks said. "It is one of my favorite movies that satisfy all of my emotional cravings."

Junior Terrence Wynn said an added benefit to the movie is that it appeals to both genders.

"It's a good movie about sports and the lifestyle of how it is to be an athlete, but it also has romance," Wynn said. "It's a movie my girlfriend and I could watch together."

Not just a love story, the movie depicts a true-to-life account of an athlete's lifestyle, which entails frequent traveling and a demanding schedule that puts a strain on relationships. In "Love and Basketball," Monica and Quincy face and overcome the challenge of remaining devoted to their careers while preserving their relationship.



Sara Jaye/Abaca Press/MCT
Omar Epps stars as Quincy McCall in "Love and Basketball."

"The importance of having dedication to your goals and significant other, while finding a balance, is key to making any relationship work," Shank said.

The on-screen chemistry between Monica and Quincy feels natural and genuine. Junior Tiffany Salazar said

the actors did a wonderful job illustrating realistic moments.

"Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan are brilliant in this movie," Salazar said. "There are so many moments in the movie that I can relate to."

"Love and Basketball" has the potential to be on the list

of almost anyone's favorite movies. The movie's plot, actors and message are exceptional compared to other movies in the romance category.

Lee artfully balances romance, drama and athleticism without losing the viewers' attention. Love and athleticism are not always easy to mesh together on screen.

For any skeptics, "Love and Basketball" is not the typical romance with one-dimensional characters and a formulaic plot. The film exposes not only the euphoric stage of a relationship, but also the downside. Although this movie focuses on love, it is definitely not your typical romance film. It reminds people that they can be goal-oriented, be grateful for what they have, and never settle for less.

If you don't already have plans for Valentine's Day, grab some fine dining to-go, light some candles, and cuddle close with someone you love as you watch "Love and Basketball."

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THINKmusic

On Thursday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m., Oh, Manhattan will perform at Sweet Melissa's on Congress Street.

On Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., Lauris Vidal and Ricky Kendall will perform at The Sentient Bean in Park Avenue.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, at 11 p.m., Superhorse will perform at The Jinx on Congress Street.
Cover to be announced.

Also on Saturday, The Train Wrecks will perform at Tantra Lounge on Broughton Street.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 9 p.m., Lotus and Domino Effect will perform at Live Wire Music Hall on River Street. Tickets are \$15.

THINKMovies

On Friday, Feb. 11, Kevin Macdonald's "The Eagle" hits theaters. The adventure epic takes place in 140 AD, when master Channing Tatum and his slave Jamie. Bell go on a quest to find the golden eagle emblem of Flavius Aquilla who disappeared 20 years earlier with Rome's ninth legion of 5,000 soldiers.

Also on Friday, 3D animation comedy "Gnomeo and Juliet" will open for wide release. Touchstone Pictures' new adventure tale is a loose adaptation of William Shakespeare's timeless romance, featuring lawn gnomes.

Also on Friday, "Never Say Never," a movie featuring Justin Beiber in concert, arrives in theaters.

THINKArt

From Thursday, Feb. 10, to Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., "Beyond the Fold" will be on display at Desotorow Gallery on DeSoto Avenue.

THINKBooks

Secretary of Defense under Gerald Ford and George W. Bush's administration, Donald Rumsfeld, just released his new book "Known and Unknown." The memoir deals with behind-the-scenes activities during key points in George W. Bush's presidency.

Also out this month, Michael Short, author of "The Blind Side," has released "The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine," which deals with his opinion on the recent financial crisis.

Pirates face Francis Marion in Alumni Arena



On Saturday, Feb. 5, both Armstrong's men's and women's basketball teams faced off against the Francis Marion Patriots in the Alumni Arena. The men won 79-75, while the women lost 79-75. Photos by Dustin Adams

Armstrong holds first 'Pirate Preview' open house of 2011



Photos by Luke Armstrong

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Jan. 18 that there was a parking citation for parking without a decal. Upon further inspection he noticed that his decal was missing, and notified university police. He was afterward issued a new parking decal.
On Jan. 25, a student reported that between Jan. 21 and Jan. 24, his iPad was stolen from the Science Center Lab 2402. The student accidentally left the iPad and a textbook in a cubby under a

desk in the lab after his class ended. On his return, he found that the iPad was missing, but the chemistry textbook remained undisturbed. University police advised the student notify the department again after he recovers the serial number.
Lt. Thomas Gorman and Officer Meagan Zike responded to a community assistant's call that he had smelled marijuana outside of a Compass Point apartment on Jan. 25. After answering the door, the

suspect admitted to smoking marijuana and cooperated. Police searched his bedroom and bathroom and discovered beer bottles. The officers poured out the beer and confiscated drug-related paraphernalia.
A student notified university police on Jan. 27 that items had been removed from her car around noon. She had parked the vehicle in the Sports Center parking lot. She said that she accidentally left the driver side rear

door unlocked after removing items from the car. When she returned, she noticed her green Vera Bradley bag was missing. The bag contained one white shirt, one pair of women's Gap jeans, one green makeup bag, one pair of black ballerina shoes, one sports bra and socks. The bag also contained a sweater, which the perpetrator left in the vehicle. The student said that nothing else was out of place, and the vehicle was undamaged.

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recent Student Activities Committee conference, specifically budgetary concerns facing colleges throughout the state of Georgia that include the possibility of a tuition increase.
"The total number of college students throughout the state has increased by over 100,000, and this is coming when we are potentially facing another budget shortfall," Samples said. "There is the possibility that colleges

state-wide will not receive any formula funding from the governor, but that has not been confirmed as of yet. Also there is the possibility of the current student fee, which I believe is about \$150, that was added on, will be ended. However, there is also the possibility of a tuition increase, which would be roughly the same amount. However, none of this is set in stone yet."